

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of this case and without addressing the veracity of the Examiner's election requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species XI (Figures 12-16) without traverse. Applicants submit that at least original Claims 58-66, 68-70, and new Claims 71-91 read on the species elected species. Species I-X (Claims 1-57) are withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application. Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's conclusion reflected in the Office Action. Moreover, to clarify various aspects of inventive subject matter, Applicants amend Claims 65 and 68. Applicants also introduce new Claims 71-91 and cancel Claim 67 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Notice of Submission of Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note for the Examiner's convenience that an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with this Response. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm in his next written communication that the Examiner has considered Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending Claims.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that a conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, Douglas M. Kubehl stands willing to conduct such a telephone interview at the convenience of the Examiner. Mr. Kubehl may be reached at 214-953-6486.

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